

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR STIP PROJECTS
ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER FY 2005-06 STIP/SHOPP ALLOCATION
PLAN AND CRITERIA
WAIVER-06-45**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Waiver-06-45, extending the period of contract award for six months, to June 30, 2007, for the SR 152/SR 156 Interchange Project (PPNO 0070, EA 04-0A8301) on SR 152 and SR 156 in Santa Clara County.

ISSUE:

In accordance with the Commission's FY 2005-06 STIP/SHOPP Allocation Plan and Criteria, the deadline to award contracts for projects allocated on June 8, 2006, is December 8, 2006. For Project PPNO 0070, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) will not be able to meet the contract award deadline of six months established under the Plan.

In June 2006, \$11,450,000 in Regional Improvement Program (RIP)/Interregional Improvement Program (IIP) funds was allocated for construction of the SR 152/SR 156 Interchange Improvement Project. Also, in June 2006, VTA submitted the request for federal "Authorization to Proceed" with construction for the federal earmarks and Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds programmed for construction. Since some request requirements (approved Plans, Specifications & Estimate, right-of-way certification, and executed co-operative agreement) were incomplete at the time of the submittal, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) would not obligate federal funds.

VTA now has all requirements complete. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission will update federal programming and receive approval from FHWA in February 2007 so that VTA can receive federal obligation. VTA requests that the Commission grant a six-month extension for construction award to this project.

BACKGROUND:

At its July 2005 meeting, the Commission adopted the FY 2005-06 STIP/SHOPP Allocation Plan and Criteria, which limited FY 2005-06 allocations to projects ready to proceed to construction within six months. The FY 2005-06 STIP/SHOPP Allocation Plan and Criteria also requires the receiving agencies to request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within the six months.